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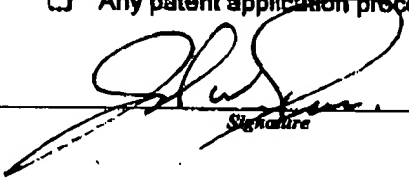

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Applicant(s): Yasuo Yamao et al.					
Serial N 09/511,824	Filing Date February 24, 2000	Examiner G. Gabel	Group Art Unit 1641		
Invention: IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR LYSED WHOLE BLOOD					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 1641***Copy***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Yasuo Yamao, et al.

Serial No.: 09/511,824

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For: **IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR
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January 22, 2002

Irvine, California 92614

RULE 116 AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 24, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 9 as follows:

- 1 9. (Thrice Amended) An immunoassay method of quantifying a predetermined antigen
2 in a sample of whole blood, comprising the steps of:
3 providing a sample of the whole blood;
4 adding a hemolysis reagent to the sample of the whole blood to hemolyse the
5 blood corpuscles;